

Bulldog Briefs



NOVEMBER 16, 2011

NEWS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE OF ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ~ PUBLISHED EACH WEDNESDAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN



Dear St. Jude Community,

We are half way through what is a very busy week at St. Jude. The Saints wax museum was wonderful! I was so impressed by the fourth grade and the effort that was put into this project, as well as their enthusiasm during the event. Mrs. Argyros did a fantastic job preparing the children for the museum, please be sure to commend her on a job well done.

As I write this Bulldog Brief, I reflect on our first Open House. Although it was damp outside, the spirits of the parent volunteers and the student hosts were bright and cheery. Those that passed through received their fill of information about St. Jude Regional Catholic School, and our eighth graders did a magnificent job! We even had the opportunity to host one of our state delegates, Sam Arora, who toured the school and received a sneak peak of our kindergarten's U.S. Presidents song.

Looking forward, the science fair begins Thursday and continues through Friday. I am looking forward to seeing the outstanding work that our students are capable of. So much effort is put into creating exceptional work here at St. Jude, and it shows in all that we do. Another example of our students performance was this past week at Good Counsel's Math Competition, our students not only came in third place overall, but Jack Posluszny placed sixth and Jason Lee came in first with a perfect score! St. Jude was the only Montgomery County catholic school to place and was only 4 points shy of the top spot.

St. Jude Regional Catholic School continues the fine traditions of academic excellence that have made our school one of the most highly respected in the county. I look forward to continuing that tradition. We are....St. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts....Forever!

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY, Nov. 22

The SJRCS community will unite on Tuesday, Nov. 22, to honor our grandparents at the 9 a.m. Mass and then gather in the Thaddeus Room for a special program by our children. All grandparents/special friends are invited.

Questions? Please contact Dana D'Avella at 301-871-1725 or davellabunch@mac.com.

DC 'HOOD VS ST. JUDE BASKETBALL GAME REMATCH, Nov. 18

DC 'Hood vs St. Jude Basketball Game rematch is set for this coming Friday, Nov. 18, at **7:00 pm** at the Heights School, 10400 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD.

Come out and cheer on your coaches, parents, and SJRCS alumni as they take on Fr. Dave Wells, our priests, and seminarians. Don't miss the fun – a great evening for the whole family. Admission is free. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, half-time fun. Refreshments follow the game.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINE Dec. 2

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available to students applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools.

Now through **Dec. 2, 2011**, families can apply for tuition assistance by going to www.psas.org/wash.html. There you will find instructions on how to complete the PSAS application, which may be completed either online or on paper.

**ST. JUDE CATCH OUR SPIRIT LANYARDS
ARE FOR SALE IN THE MAIN OFFICE FOR \$4.**

HINT: THEY MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!

CONGRATS TO OUR MATHLETES!

The Good Counsel Math Department, with support from the Admissions office, the Development office, and the National Honor Society, held their 38th Annual 8th Grade Math Contest this past weekend. The top three schools were St. Louis, St. John's Episcopal, and St. Jude.

Our team of six 8th graders — **Jason Lee, Jack Posluszny, Christina Kilmer, Xavier Daschner, Johnny English, and Nastasja Wilson** — competed against 14 other teams and placed 3rd overall. Jason earned a perfect score and Jack was among the top 10 individual winners. Congratulations to these fine mathletes!

Below are the results of the contest:

TOP 15 TEAM WINNERS

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| 1. St. Louis | 83 |
| 2. St. John's Episcopal | 81 |
| 3. St. Jude | 79 |
| 4. St. John the Evangelist | 76 |
| 5. St. Elizabeth | 73 |
| 6. Holy Redeemer | 70 |
| St. Bernadette | 70 |
| 8. Our Lady of Perpetual Help | 69 |
| 9. St. Augustine | 64 |
| 10. St. Mary's | 62 |
| St. Catharine LaBoure | 62 |
| 12. Trinity School | 59 |
| 13. St. Martin's | 57 |
| 14. St. Peter | 49 |
| 15. St. Patrick | 31 |

TOP 10 INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

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| 1. Jason Lee | St. Jude | 30 points |
| 2. Maggie Lang | St. John Episcopal | 29 points |
| 3. Kevin Roche | OLPH | 26 points |
| 4. Calvin Godfrey | St. John Evangelist | 25 points |
| 5. Elizabeth Kolb | St. Louis | 23 points |
| 6. Joseph Dagirmanjian | St. Augustine | 22 points |
| 6. Jack Posluszny | St. Jude | 22 points |
| 6. Zachary Schauerman | St. Louis | 22 points |
| 6. Danny Plantamura | Holy Redeemer | 22 points |
| 10. Matthew Waclawiw | St. Elizabeth | 21 points |

SKETCHBOOK ASSIGNMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

There is a new addition to the art website! Each week Ms. Neale will post a sketchbook idea you can complete at home. You can get a small sketchbook (8 1/2 x 11 inches), a variety of pencils, erasers, or crayons and use it to complete the assignments posted. These assignments are not counted towards your art grade, but they will

help you to refine your drawing skills. A completed sketchbook is also a great addition to an art portfolio for high school.

Try to date each sketch as you complete them. Have fun and please stop by the art room to show Ms. Neale how you are doing with the sketches!

GIVE YOUR WAY 2011-2012: 100% PARENT PARTICIPATION IS OUR #1 GOAL!

Thank you to those who have already sent in a GYW contribution. For those who have not made a donation yet, please do so today and join the race to 100% parent participation.

Thank you, from Co-Chairs Patty Lynch and Jessica Castillo.

OLD SCHOOL FAMILY DIRECTORIES NEEDED

Have you kept copies of the St. Jude School Family Directory from years past? If so, the main office would like to borrow them for a brief time. Be sure to put your name on the inside cover and send to the main office at the school.

ROSARY GROUP IN NOVEMBER

Rosary Group will be meeting from 12:15 - 12:45 pm in the Convent Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 22 and 29.

All are welcome to come and pray with the students. Mark your agendas and bring a friend or two! Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us and the St. Jude Community!

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Nov. 22 Grandparents' Day
Nov. 23-25 No classes; Thanksgiving break

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 ADW Tuition Assistance Application
Deadline (see front page)

Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway ---
Thanksgiving comes again!

~ Old Rhyme

